

## MOBILE RADIO TRANSMITTING STATIONS

*Exchange of notes at Washington June 25 and August 20, 1947*

*Entered into force August 20, 1947*

*Terminated by agreement of March 9 and 17, 1953<sup>1</sup>*

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*The Secretary of State to the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

*Jun 25, 1947*

SIR:

I refer to recent informal discussions between representatives of the Government of Canada and the United States concerning the entrance into Canada of United States vehicles equipped with land mobile radio transmitting equipment.

The present laws of the United States prohibit operation of unlicensed radio transmitting equipment, and station licenses cannot be issued to aliens. It is the Department's understanding that the laws of Canada contain similar provisions.

Proposals have been made for certain modifications of United States laws which, if adopted, would permit on a reciprocal basis alien operation of certain foreign licensed mobile equipment while it is within the territory of the United States. However, this problem is still under consideration, and it is believed that an interim arrangement would be desirable, in order to permit the carriage across the border of radio transmitting equipment installed aboard vehicles.

It would, therefore, be appreciated if you could inform this Department whether the Canadian Government would be disposed to consider a reciprocal interim arrangement under which mobile radio transmitting stations licensed by the United States or Canadian Governments could be carried from the territory in which it is licensed into the territory of the other country,

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<sup>1</sup> 5 UST 2840; TIAS 3138. The agreement of Mar. 9 and 17, 1953, provided, however, that Canada might retain the sealing requirement as regards radio transmitting equipment not covered by the convention relating to the operation of certain radio equipment or stations of Feb. 8, 1951 (3 UST 3787; TIAS 2508).

without being removed from the vehicles in which such equipment is installed, on condition that this equipment be sealed in such a manner as to prevent its operation while it is in the territory of the latter country.

I am enclosing samples of the seals <sup>2</sup> which United States Customs officials would use in sealing Canadian equipment entering the United States. Conversely, if the arrangement is satisfactory to your Government, it is suggested that similar samples of seals, to be used by Canadian Customs officials for the same purpose, be transmitted to this Government, together with a statement of conditions concerning their use. This exchange of seals would be useful as a basis in arranging notification of the licensees of the equipments that they may expect to have their equipment sealed and that it should be so adapted as to permit sealing.

I suggest that, if an agreement in the sense of the foregoing paragraphs is acceptable to the Government of Canada, this note and your reply thereto in similar terms be regarded as constituting the terms of an understanding on the subject between the two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

GARRISON NORTON

Enclosure:

Samples of Seals.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. THOMAS A. STONE,

*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Canada.*

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*The Canadian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Secretary of State*

CANADIAN EMBASSY  
AMBASSADE DU CANADA

No. 317

AUGUST 20, 1947

SIR:

I have the honour to refer to your note of June 25, 1947, in which you proposed a reciprocal interim arrangement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America, under which mobile radio transmitting stations licensed by the United States or Canadian Governments could be carried from the territory in which they are licensed into the territory of the other country, without being removed from the vehicles in which such equipment is installed, on condition that this equipment be sealed in such a manner as to prevent its operation while it is in the territory of the latter country.

I have received samples of the seals which United States Customs officials will use in sealing Canadian equipment entering the United States. I enclose

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<sup>2</sup> Not printed here.

samples of seals <sup>3</sup> which will be used by Canadian Customs officials for the same purpose with respect to United States equipment entering Canada.

I am instructed to state that the terms of this arrangement are acceptable to my Government, and that your note and this reply thereto shall constitute the terms of an understanding on the subject between the two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

THOMAS A. STONE  
*Chargé d'Affaires*

The Honourable ROBERT A. LOVETT,  
*Acting Secretary of State,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

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<sup>3</sup> Not printed here.